

COTMA IATM REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2010

COTMA continues to be a member of the International Association of Transport Museums. A link to COTMA can be found on the current IATM website which is at <http://www.iatm.ws/> , and then to the sites of affiliate museums.

The last IATM Conference was held in Dresden, Chemnitz and Nuremburg, Germany, from 12 to 19 June 2009. A detailed account of the event is available at <http://www.iatm.ws/images/pdf/36conference-jun2009.pdf> . The initial host was Dr Michael Dünnebier of the Verkehrsmuseum, Dresden. After initial papers on Monday June 15, an inspection was made of the Military Museum of the German Army followed by a tour on the narrow gauge Lößnitzgrundbahn railway from Moritzburg to Radebeul, with dinner at the Saxon Railway Museum. On Tuesday 16 June, delegates, after a tram tour, adjourned to the Saxon Museum of Industry, Chemnitz, where a paper was given on behalf of COTMA by John Radcliffe, prepared with David Hinman, entitled “Doubling the Christchurch City Tramway’s length and daily services using museum cars and principles”. After returning to Dresden, delegates adjourned for dinner on a steamboat cruise to Pillnitz Castle. On Wednesday June 17, the entire conference relocated by train to Nuremburg where hosting was taken over by Dr Juergen Franzke, Director of the DB Museum. The tour of this museum included rides on the *Adler*, a replica of one of Germany’s first steam locomotives. On Thursday 18 June, delegates travelled by ICE train to Munich to spend most of the day at the Deutsches Museum Verkehrszentrum, a branch museum of the Deutsches Museum, with a focus on transport and mobility. Later before returning to Nuremburg, a visit was made to the BMW Museum, whose orientation appeared to principally focus on maintaining the loyalty of BMW purchasers. Friday 19 June was devoted to the IATM business meeting and then a series of papers including one by Sarah Jane Brazil outlining the development plans of the NSW Rail Museum at Thirlmere. There were subsequent post-conference tours to Stuttgart and Sinsheim. The following pictures illustrate aspects of the conference.

The 2011 IATM Conference is scheduled to be hosted in London on June 26-30 by Sam Mullins, Director of the Covent Garden based London Transport Museum, recently refurbished. Visits to the LT museum store at Acton can also be anticipated. A new IATM newsletter with interesting railway articles and the 2009 IATM Yearbook are now available as website downloads.



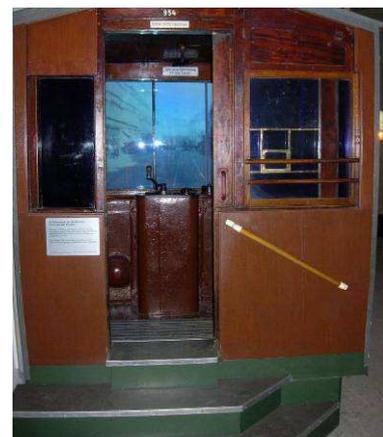
Delegates examining rebuilt Dresden, Frauenkirche left



Trams, Dresden Verkehrsmuseum



Maximum traction exhibit, Dresden Verkehrsmuseum



Driver's cab, moving street scene projected on window, Dresden Verkehrsmuseum



Bombardier Flexity, Dresden



Chemnitz Narrow Gauge Tram Collection, now isolated



Dresden - Coupled Tatras, since withdrawn



Chemnitz tram tour (Standard gauge)



German Army Museum store, Dresden



1834 Adler, DB Museum, Nuremberg



Saxon Railway Museum, Chemnitz



Tram lifted by mobile crane, Deutsches Museum, Munich

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